

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Amendments to the claims

The claims as originally filed were misnumbered. Although the claim numbering in the application as filed only went up to 11, there were actually 13 claims filed. The published version of the application (20020046514) indicates that the claims were renumbered and entered as 1 to 13. However, the claims as originally filed included some errors in their dependency statements and additional errors in the dependency statements were introduced by the renumbering of the claims. To correct these mistakes and clarify the record, all original claims have been canceled. The claims are being resubmitted with proper numbering and with the originally intended dependencies between them.

Elections/restrictions

The Office Action requested an election between the species of Figures 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11 and 12. The applicant elects the species of Figure 11. The Applicant submits that all claims read on this species.

Claim objections

The Office Action objected to claim 5 (renumbered to claim 7) as being a duplicate of claim 5 and noted other problems with the claims. The cancellation of all original claims and submission of new claims 14 to 26 corrects the objections raised in the Office Action.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

Claims 1 to 13 have been cancelled.